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Filed: October 31, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 3629  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAILING MACHINE TO VERIFY THE  
INTEGRITY OF PRINTED POSTAGE

**STATUS INQUIRY - NEW PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

More than twenty-nine (29) months have passed since the filing of the above-identified patent application on October 31, 2003. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Therefore, applicant wishes to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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